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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2006**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 13, 2006, please reconsider the patentability of the claims of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.